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ALLOY MELT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Action mailed January 2, 2003.

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In the present office action, claims 15-25 were examined.  
Claims 15-25 were rejected. Claims 15-25 are believed to be in  
condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Examiner rejected claims 15-20 and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C.  
103 as being unpatentable over EP 594509, Matsuo et al.  
(5,540,791), or Stroup (2,336,521). The Examiner noted that  
these references feature inclusion of the claimed elements of the  
aluminum base alloy of the present invention. The Examiner